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TELEPHONE TARIFF
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) proposes to review the basic telephone tariff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether TRAI intends to provide a framework for regulating basic service tariff and inter connect usage charges; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has brought out a Consultation Paper on 23-09-2002 relating to basic service tariff and inter connection usage charges. The consultation paper examines the nature, content and direction of tariff regulation with respect to basic services and explores the framework for basic service tariff regulation in the context of competitive trends. Public consultations on this paper are being held by TRAI to arrive at the areas wherein tariff should be fixed by them, after hearing the views of various stakeholders.